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Applicants: Martens, et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to a final Office Action mailed July 22, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

The response is being filed within the sixth month from the date the office action was mailed. Applicants have filed currently herewith a Notice of Appeal. A petition for a three month extension of time is requested in the Notice of Appeal. In addition, a check in the appropriate amount is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for the Notice of Appeal and the extension of time fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.